

## Tisbury Vision Planning Workshop II

### Summery Observations: Parks, Beaches, Open Space and Neighborhood Connections

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This summary is based on the full transcription of the flip charts and worksheets completed at the second workshop. The full transcription is available at the Tisbury Planning Board.

#### 1. Parks, beaches and open space that people frequent

Frequented place	Times mentioned
Owen Park	17
Tashmoo Overlook and Spring building	6
Veteran's Park	5
Eastville Beach	5
Tashmoo Beach	3
Owen Little Way	3
Wilfried's Pond Preserve	2
Tisbury Cemetery	2
West Chop Woods	2
West Chop Overlook	2
Tisbury School	2
Tisbury Meadow	2
Pine Street Cemetery	2
Harbor shoreline	2

#### • Frequented places mentioned by one individual

Lake Street Park	Grove Ave Beach	Black dog Gazebo area
Beach Street extension	MV Museum	Causeway
Winds Up	Boch Property	Tisbury dog Park
Park and Ride area	Jabberwocky woods	Vineyard Haven PO
Library	Vineyard Haven Yacht club	Lamberts Cove Beach*
Hines Point	State Beach*	hospital roof garden*
Sherriff's Meadow Phillips Preserve		

\*indicates park is not in Tisbury

#### Parks, beaches and open spaces that are underutilized

Underutilized place	Times mentioned
Tashmoo Overlook and Spring building	11
Harbor shoreline	6
Owen park	3

Old fire station site	3
Waterfront on Lagoon	3
Veteran's Park	2
Wilfried's Pond Preserve	2
Owen Little Way	2
Tisbury Meadow	2
Vineyard Haven Library garden	2
Harbor Shoreline	2
Linden tree	2
Beach Rd waterfront	2
Lagoon boat ramp	2
Boch Property	2
Beach Rd Extension	2
West Chop Field	2

• **Underutilized places mentioned by one individual**

Tashmoo Beach	Cleveland Ave Beach	SSA Beach
St. Augustine's church	Linden tree	Capawok
Bob's Pizza	Lagoon boat ramp	Manter land
Powerlines	Beach Rd Lagoon side	
Tiny open spaces with benches		
Lagoon Pond Rd Beach/boat launch		

**Places noted as being both frequented and underutilized**

Place	frequented	underutilized
Owen Park	17	3
Tashmoo Overlook and Spring building	6	11
Veteran's Park	5	2
Eastville Beach	5	0
Tashmoo Beach	3	1
Owen Little Way	3	2
Wilfried's Pond Preserve	2	2
Tisbury Cemetery	2	0
West Chop Woods	2	1
West Chop Overlook	2	0
Tisbury School	2	0
Tisbury Meadow	2	2
Pine Street Cemetery	2	0
Harbor shoreline	2	6

*See full transcription for comments, value and potential for improvement.*

### **Summary notes and comments regarding existing parks, beaches and open space.**

- Many of the areas that people frequent were also on the underutilized list. In most cases people seem to feel that the parks can all be improved.
- Improvements include --
  - Maintenance
  - Opportunity for greater programming at most parks and beaches
  - Addition of support amenities - bike racks, trash receptacles, etc
  - Sitting areas - not just benches
  - Signage -
    - Location - is lacking at many areas, especially the open space lands
    - Clarity of use -- Is this a public beach? Who can use it?
- Beaches are small and scattered. Generally used by people in the neighborhood and reached by walking or bike.
- People are not clear about the use of several beaches including those at the end of roads and the Beach between Owen Park and the SSA.
- A lot of the beach in Vineyard Haven is private. There is a desire for
  - a “real” town beach
  - increased waterfront access
  - Waterfront access at Bock Park

### **How we can improve.**

- Improve public space downtown
  - Make improvements on Town land and private land used by the public -- The end of Beach Street Extension, the Old Fire barn lot, PO, SSA
  - Identify places for pocket parks and develop a strategy (some form of public/private partnership, Tax break etc.) to create them.
- Create a park committee and establish Neighborhood Friends groups to help care for parks and public space.
- Conduct planning studies to enhance major parks --
  - Owen Park - seating areas, beach signage, bandstand rehab
  - Veteran’s Park - more programming, seating areas
  - Tashmoo Park - A land management and programming study
  - Lake Street Park
- Consider strategies (purchase, public easements, zoning requirements for public access along the waterfront, shared public private projects, etc.) to increase public space on the waterfront. There is great interest in Bock Park but there may be other opportunities in the future.
- Develop strategies to connect visitors to town parks, beaches and open space

- Create an exciting illustrative map that locates and describes Tisbury the parks, beaches, hiking trails and recreation opportunities (include private opportunities as well).
- Improve bike routes, sidewalks and trails
- Build on our unique and varied waterfront
  - Do more on the Lagoon to provide water access
  - Develop water trails that connects to beach landings and designated open space on Tashmoo and the lagoon
  - Consider the potential of water shuttles to beaches, Tashmoo and the lagoon
- Begin planning for the Museum as a major amenity. Consider public use of the grounds, access by foot, bike and boat, etc.